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TRAINER AIRCRAFT IN AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of state-of-the-art trainer aircraft in the Air Force;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to improve the quality of training in view of the fact that most accidents occur due to human error; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): All the trainer aircraft in the Indian Air Force have been in service for nearly 25 years except for the recently inducted Hawk Mk-132 aircraft. Proposals are being progressed for procurement of additional Hawk aircraft and Intermediate Jet Trainer as well as for replacement of the existing HPT-32 trainer aircraft to modernize the trainer fleet of the IAF.

(c) & (d): Several steps have been taken to enhance the quality of training including induction of simulators and improvement of training syllabi in the training establishments so as to enable the trainer pilot to be adequately prepared for flying the aircraft and handle modern on-board cockpit systems with greater proficiency.